

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

The Office Action dated March 7, 2007, included a restriction/election requirement set forth as follows:

- Group I. Claims 1-41 and 62 drawn to online auction, classified in class 705, subclass 37.
- Group II: Claims 42-46, drawn to query search, classified in class 707, subclass 3.
- Group III: Claims 47-52, drawn to database management, classified in class 707, subclass 102..
- Group IV: Claims 53-60, drawn to portfolio analysis, classified in class 705, subclass 36R.
- Group V: Claim 61, drawn to data structure, classified in class 707, subclass 101.

In response, Applicants respectfully elect, with traverse, the claims of **Group I (Claims 1-41 and 62)**. The Office Action also requested a species selection if Group I was selected. Accordingly, Applicants elects species (1): Claims 1-8, 39-41 and 62, with traverse.

CONCLUSION

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this Response, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Applicants believe no fees are due with the filing of this Response. However, if any fees are required or if any funds are due, the USPTO is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account Number: **50-0311**, Customer Number: **35437**, Reference No.: **24631-501**.

Respectfully submitted,



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